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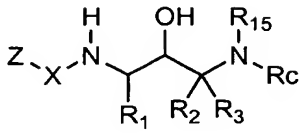
What is claimed is:

1. A compound of the formula I:



(I)

or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein

Z is hydrogen, or

Z is $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl$)$-, $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkenyl$)$-, $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkynyl$)$- or $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)$-, wherein each of said groups is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_Z groups, wherein 1 or 2 methylene groups within said $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl$)$-, $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkenyl$)$-, $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0\text{-}1}(C_2\text{-}C_6$ alkynyl$)$- or $(C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl$)$- groups are optionally replaced with -(C=O)-;

R_Z at each occurrence is independently halogen (in one aspect, F or Cl), -OH, -SH, -CN, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkoxy, $C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkyl, $C_3\text{-}C_7$ cycloalkoxy or $-NR_{100}R_{101}$;

R_{100} and R_{101} at each occurrence are independently H, $C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl, phenyl, $CO(C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl$)$ or $SO_2C_1\text{-}C_6$ alkyl;

X is -(C=O)- or $-(SO_2)$-;

R_1 is $C_1\text{-}C_{10}$ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from halogen, -OH, =O, -SH, -CN, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-C_{3\text{-}7}$ cycloalkyl, $-C_1\text{-}C_4$ alkoxy, amino, mono- or dialkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl, and heterocycloalkyl, wherein each aryl group is optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 R_{50} groups; each heteroaryl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{50} groups; and each heterocycloalkyl group is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups that are independently R_{50} or =O;

R_{50} is selected from halogen, OH, SH, CN, -CO-(C_1-C_4 alkyl), -NR_7R_8, -S(O)$_{0-2}$-(C_1-C_4 alkyl), C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy and C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl; wherein

the alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy and cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, halogen, OH, -NR_5R_6, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkoxy, NR_7R_8, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy; wherein

R_5 and R_6 are independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; or

R_5 and R_6 and the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 or 6 membered heterocycloalkyl ring;

R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from H; -C_1-C_4 alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from -OH, -NH_2, and halogen; -C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; -(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-O-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); -C_2-C_4 alkenyl; and -C_2-C_4 alkynyl;

R_2 and R_3 are independently selected from H; F; -C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with -F, -OH, -C≡N, -CF_3, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, or -NR_5R_6; -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-R_{17}; -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-R_{18}; -C_2-C_6 alkenyl or C_2-C_6 alkynyl, wherein the alkenyl and alkynyl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups that are independently -F, -OH, -C≡N, -CF_3 or C_1-C_3 alkoxy; -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, which is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups that are independently -F, -OH, -C≡N, -CF_3, C_1-C_3 alkoxy and -NR_5R_6;

R_{17} at each occurrence is an aryl group (preferably selected from phenyl, 1-naphthyl, 2-naphthyl, indanyl, indenyl, dihydronaphthyl and tetralinyl,) wherein said aryl group is optionally substituted with one or two groups that are independently -C_1-C_3 alkyl; -C_1-C_4 alkoxy; CF_3; -C_2-C_6 alkenyl or -C_2-C_6 alkynyl each of which is optionally substituted with

one substituent selected from F, OH, C_1-C_3 alkoxy; halogen; OH; -C≡N; -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl; -CO-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); or -SO_2-(C_1-C_4 alkyl);

R_{18} is a heteroaryl group (preferably selected from pyridinyl, pyrimidinyl, quinolinyl, indolyl, pryidazinyl, pyrazinyl, isoquinolyl, quinazolinyl, quinoxalinyl, phthalazinyl, imidazolyl, isoxazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, furanyl, thienyl, pyrrolyl, oxadiazolyl or thiadiazolyl,) wherein said heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted with one or two groups that are independently -C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with one substituent selected from OH, C≡N, CF_3, C_1-C_3 alkoxy, and -NR_5R_6;

R_{15} is selected from hydrogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy C_1-C_6 alkyl, halo C_1-C_6 alkyl, each of which is unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups independently selected from halogen, C_1-C_6 alkyl, hydroxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, and NH_2, and -R_{26}-R_{27}; wherein

R_{26} is selected from a bond, -C(O)-, -SO_2-, -CO_2-, -C(O)NR_5-, and -NR_5C(O)-,

R_{27} is selected from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, aryl C_1-C_6 alkyl, heterocycloalkyl, and heteroaryl, wherein each of the above is unsubstituted or substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, halogen, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, -NR_5R_6, or -C(O)NR_5R_6; or

R_2, R_3 and the carbon to which they are attached form a C_3-C_7 carbocycle, wherein 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms are optionally replaced by groups that are independently selected from -O-, -S-, -SO_2-, -C(O)-, or -NR_7-;

R_C is selected from -$(CH_2)_{0-3}$-(C_3-C_8) cycloalkyl wherein the cycloalkyl is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from -R_{205}; and -CO_2-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl; -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl; -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heterocycloalkyl; -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl-

heteroaryl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl-heterocycloalkyl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl-aryl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl-aryl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl-heterocycloalkyl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl-heteroaryl; $-CHR_{245}-CHR_{250}$-aryl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heterocycloalkyl-heteroaryl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heterocycloalkyl-heterocycloalkyl; $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heterocycloalkyl-aryl; a monocyclic or bicyclic ring of 5, 6, 7 8, 9, or 10 carbons fused to 1 or 2 aryl (preferably phenyl), heteroaryl (preferably pyridyl, imidazolyl, thienyl, thiazolyl, or pyrimidyl), or heterocycloalkyl (preferably piperidinyl or piperazinyl) groups;

wherein 1, 2 or 3 carbons of the monocyclic or bicyclic ring are optionally replaced with -NH-, $-N(CO)_{0-1}R_{215}$-, $-N(CO)_{0-1}R_{220}$-, -O-, or $-S(=O)_{0-2}$-, and wherein the monocyclic or bicyclic ring is optionally substituted with 1, 2 or 3 groups that are independently $-R_{205}$, $-R_{245}$, $-R_{250}$ or =O;

and $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups;

wherein each aryl or heteroaryl group attached directly or indirectly to the $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3 or 4 R_{200} groups;

wherein each heterocycloalkyl attached directly or indirectly to the $-(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$ group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R_{210};

R_{200} at each occurrence is independently selected from $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; -OH; $-NO_2$; -halogen; -C≡N; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$-CO-$NR_{220}R_{225}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$-CO-(C_1-C_8 alkyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$-CO-(C_2-C_8 alkenyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$-CO-(C_2-C_8 alkynyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$-CO-(C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-(CO)_{0-1}$-aryl (preferably phenyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-(CO)_{0-1}$-heteroaryl (preferably pyridyl, pyrimidyl, furanyl, imidazolyl, thienyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, or pyrazinyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-(CO)_{0-1}$-

heterocycloalkyl (preferably imidazolidinyl, piperazinyl, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, or tetrahydropyranyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-CO_2R_{215}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-SO_2-NR_{220}R_{225}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S(O)_{0-2}-(C_1-C_8$ alkyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S(O)_{0-2}-(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H$ or $R_{215})-CO_2R_{215}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H$ or $R_{215})-SO_2-R_{220}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(H$ or $R_{215})-CO-N(R_{215})_2$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-N(-H$ or $R_{215})-CO-R_{220}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-NR_{220}R_{225}$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-CO-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl); $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(R_{215})$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-S-(R_{215})$; $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-O-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 5 -F); $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{205} groups; $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{205} groups; adamantly, and $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl;

each aryl and heteroaryl group included within R_{200} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently $-R_{205}$, $-R_{210}$ or $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently R_{205} or R_{210};

each heterocycloalkyl group included within R_{200} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently R_{210};

R_{205} at each occurrence is independently selected from $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl, $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl, $-C_1-C_6$ haloalkoxy, $-(CH_2)_{0-3}(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl), -halogen, $-(CH_2)_{0-6}-OH$, -O-phenyl, OH, SH, $-(CH_2)_{0-6}-C\equiv N$, $-(CH_2)_{0-6}-C(=O)NR_{235}R_{240}$, $-CF_3$, $-C_1-C_6$ alkoxy, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, and $-NR_{235}R_{240}$;

R_{210} at each occurrence is independently selected from $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; C_1-C_6 alkanoyl; $-SO_2-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl); $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205}

groups; -halogen; -C_1-C_6 alkoxy; -C_1-C_6 haloalkoxy; -$NR_{220}R_{225}$; -OH; -C≡N; -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; -CO-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); -SO_2-$NR_{235}R_{240}$; -CO-$NR_{235}R_{240}$; -SO_2-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); and =O;

R_{215} at each occurrence is independently selected from -C_1-C_6 alkyl, -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-(aryl), -C_2-C_6 alkenyl, -C_2-C_6 alkynyl, -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-(heteroaryl), and -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-(heterocycloalkyl); wherein the aryl group included within R_{215} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independently -R_{205} or -R_{210}; wherein the heterocycloalkyl and heteroaryl groups included within R_{215} are optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{210};

R_{220} and R_{225} at each occurrence are independently H, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, -CHO, hydroxy C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxycarbonyl, -amino C_1-C_6 alkyl, -SO_2-C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkanoyl optionally substituted with up to three halogens, -$C(O)NH_2$, -C(O)NH(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -C(O)N(C_1-C_6 alkyl)(C_1-C_6 alkyl), -halo C_1-C_6 alkyl, -$(CH_2)_{0-2}$-(C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl), -(C_1-C_6 alkyl)-O-(C_1-C_3 alkyl), -C_2-C_6 alkenyl, -C_2-C_6 alkynyl, -aryl (preferably phenyl), -heteroaryl, or -heterocycloalkyl; wherein the aryl, heteroaryl and heterocycloalkyl groups included within R_{220} and R_{225} is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{270} groups,

R_{270} at each occurrence is independently -R_{205}, -C_1-C_6 alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; -C_2-C_6 alkenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; -C_2-C_6 alkynyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; -phenyl; -halogen; -C_1-C_6 alkoxy; -C_1-C_6

haloalkoxy; $-NR_{235}R_{240}$; -OH; $-C\equiv N$; $-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_{205} groups; $-CO-(C_1-C_4$ alkyl); $-SO_2-NR_{235}R_{240}$; $-CO-NR_{235}R_{240}$; $-SO_2-(C_1-C_4$ alkyl); and =O;

R_{235} and R_{240} at each occurrence are independently -H, $-C_1-C_6$ alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkanoyl, $-SO_2-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), or -phenyl;

R_{245} and R_{250} at each occurrence are independently selected from H, $-(CH_2)_{0-4}CO_2C_1-C_4$ alkyl, $-(CH_2)_{0-4}C(=O)C_1-C_4$ alkyl, $-C_1-C_4$ alkyl, $-C_1-C_4$ hydroxyalkyl, $-C_1-C_4$ alkoxy, $-C_1-C_4$ haloalkoxy, $-(CH_2)_{0-4}-C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl, $-C_2-C_6$ alkenyl, $-C_2-C_6$ alkynyl, $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$ aryl, $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$ heteroaryl, and $-(CH_2)_{0-4}$ heterocycloalkyl, or

R_{245} and R_{250} are taken together with the carbon to which they are attached to form a monocycle or bicycle of 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 carbon atoms, where 1, 2, or 3 carbon atoms are optionally replaced by 1, 2, or 3 gropus that are independently -O-, -S-, $-SO_2-$, -C(O)-, $-NR_{220}-$, or $-NR_{220}R_{220}-$ wherein both R_{220} groups are alkyl; and wherein the ring is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6 groups that are independently C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkoxy, hydroxyl, NH_2, $NH(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), $N(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)$(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), $-NH-C(O)C_1-C_5$ alkyl, $-NH-SO_2-(C_1-C_6$ alkyl), or halogen;

wherein the aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl groups included within R_{245} and R_{250} are optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups that are independenly halogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, CN or OH.

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein Z is $(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0-1}(C_1-C_6$ alkyl)-, $(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0-1}(C_2-C_6$ alkenyl)-, $(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl$)_{0-1}(C_2-C_6$ alkynyl)- or $(C_3-C_7$ cycloalkyl)-, wherein each of said groups is optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 R_Z groups;

wherein, R_Z at each occurrence is independently halogen, -OH, -CN, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkoxy, $-NR_{100}R_{101}$;

where R_{100} and R_{101} are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl, $CO(C_1$-C_6 alkyl) or SO_2C_1-C_6 alkyl.

3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is -(C=O)-.

4. A compound according to claim 3, wherein Z is H.

5. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_1 is C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen, -OH, =O, $-CF_3$, $-OCF_3$, $-C_{3-7}$ cycloalkyl, -C_1-C_4 alkoxy, amino or aryl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{50} groups;

wherein R_{50} is selected from halogen, OH, $-CO-(C_1$-C_4 alkyl), $-NR_7R_8$, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy and C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl;

wherein the alkyl, alkoxy and cycloalkyl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, halogen, OH, $-NR_5R_6$, NR_7R_8, and C_1-C_4 alkoxy;

wherein R_5 and R_6 at are independently H or C_1-C_6 alkyl; or

wherein R_5 and R_6 and the nitrogen to which they are attached form a 5 or 6 membered heterocycloalkyl ring; and

wherein R_7 and R_8 are independently selected from -H; -C_1-C_4 alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups independently selected from -OH, $-NH_2$, and halogen; -C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; $-(C_1$-C_4 alkyl)$-O-(C_1$-C_4 alkyl).

6. A compound according to claim 5, wherein R_1 is $-CH_2$-phenyl where the phenyl ring is optionally substituted with 1

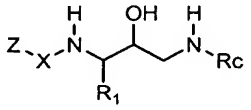
or 2 groups independently selected from halogen, C_1-C_2 alkyl, C_1-C_2 alkoxy and hydroxy.

7. A compound according to claim 6, wherein R_1 is benzyl, 3-fluorobenzyl or 3,5-difluorobenzyl.

8. A compound according to claim 1, wherein R_{15} is H.

9. A compound according to claim 7, wherein R_{15} is H.

10. A compound according to claim 1 of the formula II:



(II)

wherein Z is hydrogen, -C_1-C_6 alkyl, -C_2-C_6 alkenyl, -C_2-C_6 alkynyl or -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, where each of said groups is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_Z groups, wherein 1 or 2 methylene groups within said -C_1-C_6 alkyl, -C_2-C_6 alkenyl, -C_2-C_6 alkynyl or -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl groups are optionally replaced with -(C=O)-;

wherein R_Z at each occurrence is independently halogen, -OH, -CN, -CF_3, C_1-C_6 alkoxy, C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3-C_7 cycloalkoxy or -$NR_{100}R_{101}$;

where R_{100} and R_{101} are independently H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, phenyl, CO(C_1-C_6 alkyl) or SO_2C_1-C_6 alkyl;

wherein X is -C(=O)-;

wherein R_1 is C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 or 2 groups independently selected from halogen, -OH, =O, -CN, -CF_3, -OCF_3, -C_3-C_7 cycloalkyl, -C_1-C_4 alkoxy, amino, mono- dialkylamino, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocycloalkyl, wherein the aryl group is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{50} groups;

where R_{50} is halogen, OH, CN, -CO-(C_1-C_4 alkyl), -NR_7R_8, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_2-C_6 alkenyl, C_2-C_6 alkynyl, C_1-C_6 alkoxy and C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl;

where R_7 and R_8 are selected from H; -C_1-C_4 alkyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, or 3 groups selected from -OH, -NH_2 and halogen; -C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl; -(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-O-(C_1-C_4 alkyl); -C_2-C_4 alkenyl; and -C_2-C_4 alkynyl;

wherein R_C is selected from

-$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl;

-$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl;

-$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heterocycloalkyl;

where the aryl group attached to the -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$- group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3 or 4 R_{200} groups;

where the heteroaryl group attached to the -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$- group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R_{200} groups;

where the heterocycloalkyl group attached to the -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$- group is optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, or 4 R_{210} groups.

11. A compound according to claim 10, wherein

Z is -C_1-C_6 alkyl;

R_1 is C_1-C_{10} alkyl substituted with 1 phenyl group, where the phenyl group attached to the alkyl is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{50} groups, where each R_{50} is independently halogen, OH, CN, or C_1-C_6 alkyl; and

R_C is -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-aryl or -$(CR_{245}R_{250})_{0-4}$-heteroaryl, where the aryl and heteroaryl groups are optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R_{200} groups.

12. A compound according to claim 1 which is

N-[(1S,2R)-3-[(3-bromobenzyl)amino]-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4R)-6-isopropyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4S)-6-isopropyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[1-(3-bromophenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide hydrochloride;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-bromophenyl)propanoate;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(3-ethylbenzyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)propanoate;

3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)propanoic acid;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)-3-hydroxypropyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(1S)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-ylamino]propyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-2-methylamino-acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(3-iodobenzyl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-iodophenyl)propanoate;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-[3-(3-hydroxyprop-1-ynyl)phenyl]propanoate;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[3-hydroxy-1-(3-iodophenyl)propyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-[3-(3-hydroxypropyl)phenyl]propanoate;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(7-methoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

2-Amino-N-[1-(3,5-difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[6-ethyl-2-(methylsulfonyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-4-yl]amino}-2-hydrcxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1S)-7-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1R)-7-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[1-(3-bromophenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-[3-(5-formylthien-2-yl)phenyl]propanoate;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(2'-acetyl-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl)propanoate;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ⁶-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-methyl-butyramide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-({1-[3'-(hydroxymethyl)-1,1'-biphenyl-3-yl]cyclopropyl}amino)propyl]acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-({1-[3-(5-formylthien-2-yl)phenyl]cyclopropyl}amino)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-(9H-fluoren-9-ylamino)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-[3-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]propanoate;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-cyanophenyl)propanoate;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ⁶-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-propionamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-bromophenyl)propanoate;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethynylphenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-[(2-bromo-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2-ethyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1,2-benzoxathiin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(6-iodo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4S)-6-iodo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4R)-6-iodo-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-hydroxy-propionamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1,2-benzoxathiin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1,2-benzoxathiin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[4-(3-ethylphenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)butyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(4S)-6-ethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(4R)-6-ethyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(7-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-hydroxy-butyramide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)cyclopentyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2-ethyl-5-fluoro-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

methyl (3S)-3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)butanoate;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isobutylisoxazol-5-yl)cyclopropyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-2-phenyl-acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2-ethyl-7-fluoro-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

methyl (3R)-3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)butanoate;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2,5-dipropylbenzyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

{[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propylcarbamoyl]-methyl}-methyl-carbamic acid tert-butyl ester;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(2-isobutyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1S)-6-ethyl-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-2-methyl-2-methylamino-propionamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-ethyl-1-(3-ethylphenyl)propyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzothiazin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-2,1-benzothiazin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-3-methyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-3-methyl-2,2-dioxido-3,4-dihydro-1H-isothiochromen-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-4-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)propanoate;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-2-(1H-imidazol-4-yl)-acetamide;

methyl 3-{[(2R,3S)-3-(acetylamino)-4-(3,5-difluorophenyl)-2-hydroxybutyl]amino}-3-(3-ethylphenyl)propanoate;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-[(2-bromo-9-methyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[2-(1-ethylpropyl)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-[(2-cyclopentyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-[1-(3,5-Difluoro-benzyl)-3-(6-ethyl-2,2-dioxo-2λ^6-isothiochroman-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-propionamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2-ethyl-9-methyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-[(2-cyclohexyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(4-ethylpyridin-2-yl)cyclopropyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4S)-6-(1H-pyrrol-3-yl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(5R)-3-ethyl-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-5H-benzo[7]annulen-5-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[1-(3-bromophenyl)-1-methylethyl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[2-(dimethylamino)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(1S)-7-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-({(1S)-7-[(dimethylamino)methyl]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl}amino)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[(1S)-7-bromo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-propylphenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)cycloheptyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(6-isopropyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(6-ethyl-2-hydroxy-2,3-dihydro-1H-inden-1-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-[(2-ethyl-6-fluoro-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]-2-hydroxypropyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[2-(methoxymethyl)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)-2-(5-methyl-1,3-oxazol-2-yl)ethyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide hydrochloride;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-(3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-ylamino)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[2-ethyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[2-(3-methylbutyl)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(2-isopropyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(2-neopentyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(2-isopropenyl-9H-fluoren-9-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-ethylphenyl)-1-methylethyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide hydrochloride;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4S)-6-isobutyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[(4S)-6-cyano-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4S)-6-neopentyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-{(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-[(6-neopentyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl)amino]propyl}acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[2-(isopropylamino)-9H-fluoren-9-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isobutylphenyl)cyclopropyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(4-isobutyl-1,1'-biphenyl-2-yl)methyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[7-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-5-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(4R)-6-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1S)-7-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[1-(3-tert-butylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[4-(3-tert-butylphenyl)tetrahydro-2H-pyran-4-yl]amino}-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[6-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isopropylphenyl)-4-oxocyclohexyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-3-{[(4S)-6-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-1-(3-fluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[5-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-2-(1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzyl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[7-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-1-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[6-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-4-methyl-3,4-dihydro-2H-chromen-4-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3-fluoro-4-hydroxybenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isopropylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isopropylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}propyl)-2-fluoroacetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-[3-(allyloxy)-5-fluorobenzyl]-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isopropylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-({1-[3-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)phenyl]-1-methylethyl}amino)-2-hydroxypropyl]-2-fluoroacetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1S)-7-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)-2-fluoroacetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-({1-[3-(3-thienyl)phenyl]cyclohexyl}amino)propyl]acetamide;

N-[(1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-({1-[4-(2,2-dimethylpropyl)pyridin-2-yl]cyclopropyl}amino)-2-hydroxypropyl]acetamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[(1S)-7-propyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

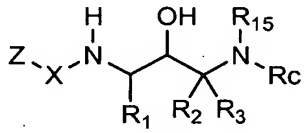
N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-2-hydroxy-3-{[1-(3-isobutylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1S,2R)-2-hydroxy-1-(4-hydroxybenzyl)-3-{[1-(3-isopropylphenyl)cyclohexyl]amino}propyl)acetamide;

N-((1R,2S)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1S)-7-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)-2-ethoxyacetamide; or

N-((1S,2R)-1-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-3-{[(1R)-7-ethyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalen-1-yl]amino}-2-hydroxypropyl)-2,2-difluoroacetamide; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

13. A method for preparing a compound of the formula



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Z, X, R_1, R_2, R_3, R_{15} and R_c are as defined in claim 1.

14. The method of treating a subject who has, or in preventing a subject from developing Alzheimer's disease (AD); preventing or delaying the onset of Alzheimer's disease; treating subjects with mild cognitive impairment (MCI); preventing or delaying the onset of Alzheimer's disease in subjects who would progress from MCI to AD; treating Down's syndrome; treating subjects who have Hereditary Cerebral Hemorrhage with Amyloidosis of the Dutch-Type; treating cerebral amyloid angiopathy and preventing its potential

consequences; treating other degenerative dementias; treating dementia associated with Parkinson's disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, or cortical basal degeneration; treating diffuse Lewy body type AD; and treating frontotemporal dementias with parkinsonism (FTDP), comprising administering a pharmaceutically acceptable amount of a compound according to claim 1 to a patient in need of such treatment.